

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

IN RE: **National Park Service-Sheep Creek  
Water System No. 1010500**

TO: Mr. Paul Schwarz, Sanitarian  
National Park Service-Lodgepole  
47050 Generals Highway  
Three Rivers, CA 93271

CC: Mr. Jason Gambatese, USEPA Region 9

**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE OF THE  
DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY PERMIT**

**August 2012**

*Issued on January 17, 2013*

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the issuance of a Citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe Drinking Water Act, or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.

**VIOLATIONS**

The Drinking Water Field Operations Branch of the California Department of Public Health (hereinafter Department) hereby issues a Citation to the National Park Service-Sheep Creek Water System (hereinafter System) for failure to comply with Section

1 116555(a)(3) of the CHSC and Section 64653(c)(1) of Title 22, California Code of  
2 Regulations (CCR). Specifically, the System (mailing address: 47050 Generals Highway,  
3 Three Rivers, CA, 93271) failed to comply with Permit Provisions No. 8(a) of the  
4 Domestic Water Supply Permit issued on January 18, 2012.

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7 The above violations are classified as non-continuing.

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9 The System normally uses groundwater to supply water to the distribution system.  
10 However, the two (2) groundwater sources were not able to keep up with system demands.  
11 Therefore, the system requested to use their surface water source and provide bag filtration  
12 treatment until the groundwater sources were capable of meeting system demands. The  
13 System operates a bag filtration treatment plant which is classified as an alternative  
14 technology. Section 64653 (h) of the CCR specifies that the Department's approval of  
15 alternative filtration technologies, including establishment of performance standards and  
16 monitoring requirements, shall be done in accordance with the permit process specified in  
17 Section 116525 through 116550 of the Health and Safety Code. Permit Provision 8(a) of  
18 the Domestic Water Supply Permit No. 03-12-12P-003 issued to the System on January 18,  
19 2012, specifies that the turbidity level of the combined filter effluent water shall be less  
20 than or equal to 0.1 NTU in 95 percent of the measurements taken each month. The  
21 turbidity level of the filtered water shall not exceed 1.0 NTU for more than eight  
22 consecutive hours while the plant is in operation. For the month of August 2012, the 95<sup>th</sup>  
23 percentile was 0.32 NTU. The System returned to groundwater in August 2012.  
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1     **NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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3     Section 64666(a) requires a water supplier to notify the persons served by the water system  
4     whenever there is a failure to comply with the permit provision specified in Section  
5     64653(h).  
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8     Public notification for violation of Section 64653(h) shall be in accordance with Section  
9     64463.4(a)(1), including the mandatory language in Section 64465(a).  
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11     A copy of the public notice is in Attachment A and the proof of notification is included in  
12     Attachment B  
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15     **DIRECTIVES**

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17     The National Park Service has completed the necessary public notification and  
18     investigation, and no other directives are necessary at this time.  
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1                    **ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY**

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4        Section 116650(e)(2) of the CHSC allows for the assessment of an administrative penalty

5        for failure to comply with any citation issued for failure of the primary drinking water

6        standard for turbidity. Failure to comply with any directive of this citation will result in

7        the Department imposing an administrative penalty not to exceed \$250 (two hundred and

8        fifty dollars) per day as of the date of violation.

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13        January 17, 2013  
Date

14                    Tricia A. Wathen  
Tricia A. Wathen, P.E.  
Senior Sanitary Engineer  
Visalia District  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BRANCH  
DRINKING WATER FIELD OPERATIONS

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19        CC: Mr. Jason Gambatese, USEPA Region 9



Date: 8/10/12

## **BOIL WATER NOTICE**

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### **BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING**

**Failure to follow this advisory could result in stomach or intestinal illness.**

Due to the recent the dry year the National Park Service has had to go to surface water to provide adequate volumes of water. Our filtration equipment does not achieve the required water clarity. Therefore, the California Department of Public Health in conjunction with the National Park Service are advising residents of Cedar Grove to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution.

**DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, **let it boil for one (1) minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking and food preparation **until further notice**. This is the preferred method to assure that the water is safe to drink.

We will inform you when tests show that water is safe to drink and you no longer need to boil your water. We anticipate resolving the problem within one (1) week.

For more information call:

Water Utility contact: Paul Schwarz at 559-565-3144.

California Department of Public Health – Drinking Water Field Operations Branch- District Office at 559-447-3300.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

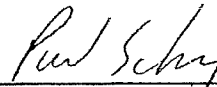
ATTACHMENT B

**PROOF OF NOTIFICATION**  
(Return with copy of Notice)

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified all users of water supplied by the **National Park Service-Sheep Creek Water System** (water system) of the failure to meet the **California Surface Water Treatment Rule - Turbidity** for the month of **August 2012** as directed by the Department.

Notification was made on 8/10/12 (date) by

hand delivered and/or mailed and/or posted written notice.  
(circle all completed)



Signature of Water System Representative

Paul Schwarz  
Print Name

1/16/13  
Date

**DISCLOSURE:** Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

Due by November 1, 2012  
System No.: 1010500  
Enforcement Action No.: 03-12-12C-006